

Bulgarians Are Beating a Hasty Retreat Allies Preparing Big Surprise in Balkans Brantford Welcomed Returned Soldiers

SOLDIERS WHO RETURNED GOT FINE WELCOME

City Officially Received Five Brantford Boys Home Last Night From Front.

SPEECHES ON MARKET SQUARE

Band and Men of 84th Battalion Turned Out to Make Reception Heartier.

Mayor Spence, Mr. Cockshutt and Col. Stewart Gave Rousing Speeches.

The soldiers who returned to Brantford last night from the front received a welcome that will linger long in the memory of them all. A great crowd gathered at the station, the 84th battalion turned out to honor them, citizens placed motor cars at their disposal, while the Mayor himself officially bade them welcome home.

Lieut.-Col. Stewart very courteously had the 84th Battalion march to the station with the band accompanying. Civic officials and prominent citizens were present with motor cars and decorated with the Union Jack. Upon the arrival of the train, a rush was made and as the men descended from the coaches, they were promptly shouldered by the cheering crowd and escorted in triumph to the motor cars on Market street.

There was little delay in getting the men away from the station, although friends crowded around the returned soldiers, shaking hands with them cordially.

A triumphant procession was formed of motor cars leading, followed by the band and the soldiers. The procession made its way slowly to the market square. Market street was lined with people, and cheers and greetings arose from the sidewalk all along the route.

Arrived at the market square, the

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Gorizia Will Soon Fall

By Special Wire to the Courier. ROME, Nov. 23, via Paris, Nov. 24.—Further advances for the Italian forces in their attack on Gorizia are announced by the war office in to-night's statement. The crest of Calvario Height, west of Gorizia, was reached and maintained, it is declared, and the positions recently won northwest of Ostavia were strengthened.

BRANTFORD SOLDIER IS WOUNDED

Mrs. Mary E. Trevious, of 79 Arthur street, recently a resident of Toronto, received a telegram this morning informing her that her son, Pte. William W. Trevious, 19th Battalion, was officially reported wounded in the right arm by shrapnel fire, and admitted to the Canadian Field Ambulance on November 9th. Mrs. Trevious' husband is also serving his country in Belgium.

A THREAT?

By Special Wire to the Courier. PARIS, Nov. 24.—Premier Skoulioudis of Greece is quoted by the Petit Parisien today as saying that if the allied forces in Macedonia retreat across the border Greece may disarm them, although the Greek Government has not committed itself on this point.

Brantford's Bright Pupils Have Been Photographed

RYERSON SCHOOL—DIVISION FOUR



BACK ROW.—Florence Wheeler, Ella Farr, Ariel Summerhays, Lelea Haviland, Violet Smith, Florence Keffer, Constance Whittaker, Vera Anderson.
SECOND ROW.—Edwin Suddaby, Helen Hicks, Gertrude Bell, Amy Jeavons, Lotie McLeod, Marian Greenwood, Fred Lee.
THIRD ROW.—Joe Ferrell, Roy Timms, Leroy Pettit, Harry Keanree, Fred Wilke, Cyril Byre, Fred Jones, Jos. Warner, George McConnell, Chas. Cronk, Lorne Montour.
BOTTOM ROW.—Reginald Ott, Wilfrid Thomas, Ernest Harper, Alex. Fraser, Robin Ballantyne.

NOW IT IS RYERSON SCHOOL

Yesterday we gave you just a taste of what Ryerson School children groups would look like. To-day we show more of these groups, and so far no better pictures have appeared. In the original photographs these pictures show up splendidly, and we are sure you will all be delighted with the mounted prints we are giving away. None of these groups will be reproduced again anywhere, or at any time except in our group mounts, so you should make it a point to secure one at once. Alexandra School and King Edward School groups are just about all given out, and you will be sorry if you come too late. In order that you may be certain of one, and to save a long walk, we have accepted the offer of F. E. Morrison, Druggist, 119 Oxford St. to show the scholars of West Brantford these mounts, and to accept orders for them. Call there today and select your group. Ask to have The Courier sent to your home regularly each evening for one month, and pay only 25 cents. The group

Two Leaders in the West

By Special Wire to the Courier. LONDON, Nov. 24, 3.35 p.m.—Premier Asquith told the House of Commons today it had not been considered advisable to place all the land forces on the western front under one commander. The Premier's statement was in reply to a question by Sir George Scott Robertson.

Full Text

Of the Engineer's Report Regarding Paris-to-Galt End of the Municipal Railway.

Report Re Grand Valley Railway, between Paris and Galt.

Toronto, November 16, 1915.

The Brantford Board of Railway Commissioners, Brantford, Canada.

Gentlemen:—Please find enclosed, my report in reference to the above property, with approximate estimates in accordance with your instructions. Owing to the present price of copper, the new trolley feed line adds considerably to the cost of improvement to the line, it seems to me, however, that this would be necessary in order to afford ample power for proper service during the winter months.

Yours faithfully,
Sgd. J. C. Royce.

Toronto, Canada, Nov. 16th, 1915

The Brantford Board of Railway Commissioners, Brantford, Canada.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with your request I have made an inspection of the Grand Valley Railway Line from Paris to Galt, and as a result of my inspection beg to report regarding the following questions as specified in your letter of the 4th inst.

1. What is the present condition of the roadbed, overhead wires, poles and fences as to safety and economy of operation?

2. What expenditure is necessary in the immediate future to place the property in a fair operating condition, consistent with the demands upon it and in conformity with the standards

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"BRANTFORD IS THE BEST LITTLE PLACE ON EARTH"

Pte. Bloxham, Back From the Trenches, Has Not Lost His Love of Home.

WAS THROUGH YPRES STRUGGLE

Saw Cloud of Gas Driven Back on Germans by a Turn of the Wind.

Blown Out of His Trench Twice and Invalided Home From the Shock.

"How do you like Brantford again?" was the question the Courier put this morning to Pte. Charles Bloxham, D.C.M., who returned home from the front last night.

"Brantford is the finest spot on the earth and don't you forget it," was the quick answer, as he settled down for a chat on life at the front. Pte. Bloxham enlisted in Winnipeg and went to the front with the 10th Battalion. He was at Valcartier which camp, he says, couldn't have been improved on, and also at Salisbury Plains. Everything there was alright but the mud. The mud and the rain spoiled the whole winter.

FIRST TOUCH OF WAR.

It has been some thrilling experience. Pte. Bloxham has gone through. He landed in France and went into the trenches on the 21st day of February. "We went in at night," he said, "We were instructed as soon as the star shells broke, light up the whole scene, to either lie down or stand perfectly still. Several of these shells were used that night, the first time we ever saw them, but we got in without casualties."

TWO ON, FOUR OFF.

In the trenches every man has a firing post, and he is practically a sentry. He is on duty for two hours and then is off four. This continues

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BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE NOT UNDER PROPER CONTROL

Shipping Circles in London Not Satisfied With the Government's Methods in Attempting to Solve This Problem, as Government Cancels a Plan as Soon as it Announces One.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Nov. 24.—Shipping circles are experiencing the keenest anxiety over the failure of the government to agree on a plan for better control of the British mercantile marine. Within the last month, the government has announced and subsequently cancelled plans for exercising some measure of state control over shipping, and the fourth plan, which was to have been issued in the form of an order-in-council, has not yet appeared in full detail.

With the outbreak of the war, the government through the admiralty began to requisition merchant ships, but in spite of the repeated requests of the ship owners for the formation of a committee of three members to insure some system of uniformity in requisitioning said ships, nothing of the sort was done with the result that the authorities were soon flooded with complaints that many companies had no many of ships taken that their activities were crippled, while rivals kept control of their normal tonnage.

With the scarcity of tonnage, rates began to climb until the effects on England's vital problem of imports became too serious to be ignored further.

The first step taken by the government to assert control, except the conventional requisitioning of ships for admiralty purposes, consisted in the issue of a blacklist of neutral shipping, suspected of employing German capital or of being engaged in unneutral services. This blacklist did not prevent chartering of boats on it and was succeeded by an order-in-council, which provided for seizure and condemnation of any neutral ship even

partly owned by German capital. Apparently the government was finally moved to take drastic action by the immense earnings of shipping companies. A plan was communicated to owners whereby the government proposed nothing less than the requisitioning of the entire British mercantile marine. This plan contemplated regulating the trades in which British ships could engage, thereby giving better control of imports and exports, and frankly proposed using it to increase the government revenues. This was to be done by giving the owners what would be a high rate in normal times, and charging the charterers the existing rate, the difference to find its way into the national exchequer. This plan never got beyond the shipping men who smothered it under an avalanche of protest.

The plan exempted wheat ships from America from seizure until they had made another voyage after unloading their cargoes here, and provided a system for licensing British bottoms, trading between foreign ports.

Hardly was the ink dry on the circulars announcing this plan before another order was issued cancelling its provisions.

The ship owners besought the government to accept some expert advice before proceeding further. The result was the formation of two committees. The failure to publish complete details of the plan is considered significant by ship owners, who fear the government may change its scheme for the fourth time.

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PREMIER ASQUITH IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD SERBIANS THAT ALLIES WILL NOT WITHDRAW

"France and England are Preparing Surprises in the Balkans" He Says--Bulgarians Not Advancing So Rapidly as They Did Formerly.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Nov. 24.—Reports are in circulation in Greece that Great Britain and France are preparing for important new efforts in the Balkans. The Saloniki correspondent of The Petit Journal says he has learned from a member of the Serbian Government that Premier Asquith of Great Britain sent a telegram on Monday to the Serbian Government giving firm assurance that Great Britain and France will carry through the expedition. Mr. Asquith is quoted as having said:

"I can assure you France and England are preparing surprises in the Balkans. You will shortly have corroboration thereof."

BULGARS NOT SO SUCCESSFUL
London, Nov. 24.—Contradictory claims to victory in the Balkans leave the present situation in doubt, but it is evident the advance of the Austro-German armies and their Bulgarian allies is not so rapid as earlier reports

indicated. Apparently heavy fighting is under way in the section of the country where the Teutonic invaders are attempting to form a junction with the Bulgarians.

The fate of Monastir is still in the balance. Reports emanating from Athens state that the Bulgarians, having regard for Greek susceptibilities, are waiting for the Germans to come up and occupy the city.

In the Entente capitals renewed confidence is professed that Greece is moving toward complete agreement with the wishes of the allies. Berlin has revived the report that Russia is contemplating a great campaign in the Balkans for which a large army has been gathered at Odessa. The Germans, who have given publicity to this report, do not seem at all sure Rumania will refuse permission to this army to cross her territory.

Petrograd reports a slight advance along the Sava River, with sharp checks for the Germans and Austrians on both the northern and southern

portions of the eastern front. Vienna however, says there is nothing worthy of report along this line. Nevertheless there is apprehension in Vienna and Berlin of the expected Russian offensive in the extreme southeast.

Italy looks for the immediate fall of Gorizia, which, according to the latest reports, is dominated by artillery of both sides and forms a no man's land.

A call for an extraordinary session of the Illinois Legislature to meet Monday, November 22, was issued by Governor Dunne.

Mrs. Hetty Green, the world's richest woman, observed her 81st birthday on Sunday.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND QUARTERS WANTED
for gifts for the soldiers. Will you give one?

SERBIANS COMING BACK AND ARE STRIKING HARD BLOWS

Bulgarians Have Hastily Retreated North of Prilep and Serbs are Following to Regain Babuna Pass—Railway Below Veles is Now Dominated by the Entente Powers.

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Nov. 24.—The London Herald cables the following:

The Serbians are still a long way from being annihilated is evident from the fighting which has taken place during the last few days to the southward of Uskub. While the main Serbian army remains entrenched on Kossovo plain, a detached body, whose presence has been concealed by the censor succeeded in passing Uskub and has held the territory along the Vardar River in the vicinity of Veles. It is the force of VSerbians which has served as the objective of Bulgarian troops operating from the northward and eastward.

From the original position at Veles the Serbians were pushed back, it now develops toward Prilep. Reports have credited the Bulgarians with the capture of Prilep and the further forcing of the Serbians back toward Monastir.

The situation has now suddenly changed by the hasty retreat of the Bulgars to the north of Prilep and the following up of this retrograde movement by the Serbians to the south of them. The immediate objective of the Serbian southern army is to reach the Babuna Pass. This pass lies across a divide in the Babuna range a few miles to the southwest of Veles. It is the force of Serbians who are passing to the westward of Uskub by making a detour by way of Tetovo.

Simultaneously with the Serbian advance from the south, the main Serbian army on the Kossovo Plain is throwing several divisions in the direction of Dskub in order to form a junction with the southern army.

As military men see it, the Serbian operations are more replete with tactical manoeuvres than has been evident in any of the fighting to date. The German operations in Galicia, in Poland and in the early stages of the western fighting were simply wedge drives, acting in conjunction with smashing artillery work.

It has been reserved for the Serbians to actually pass armies around the flanks, to take advantage of mountain passes, and to defeat detached forces of the enemy in detail. If the Serbian southern army can now form a junction with the divisions stretching out from Pristina, there is every likelihood, military men predict that the Serbians will threaten Uskub itself and if Uskub is taken the allies will be able to reach the main Serbian army by passing right through Pristina over the Uskub-Monastir Railroad.

The only portion of the Salonica-Uskub railway below Veles is present in the hands of the Bulgars is Grodek, and this latter place is now dominated by the artillery of the French from the positions occupied by the latter on the right bank of the Cerna. If the French are successful in forcing the Bulgars out of Grodek, the result will be to enable the allies to push a large body of troops into Veles and thereby guard the entrance to the Babuna Pass. So long as the Babuna Pass can be kept open there remains the means of communicating direct with the main Serbian army on the Kossovo Plain.

To keep open communications between north and south, both the Babuna Pass and Tetovo must be held by the Serbians. This result

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